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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Pritchard,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 2X FIR ON LAND AT 57 ST. MICHAELS ROAD, TILEHURST
READING - PROTECTED AS T1 AND T2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 9/11.**

Thank you for your application dated 26th August 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Monday 14th September 2020, I have confirmed with the applicant that the tree which the applicant wishes to lift the canopy of is T2 (Fir) of TPO 9/11 located to the rear of the garden and not the Cypress tree indicated in your plan.

With this in mind, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

- T1 (Fir) - Fell to ground level, due to the poor condition and decline of the tree.
- T2 (Fir) - Crown lift to give 3m clearance above ground level removing smaller secondary branches back to trunk as necessary in order to give reasonable clearance to neighbouring property.

Conditions

1. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner.

2. Following the felling of the tree (s) authorised by this consent, 1x new tree a minimum of 2-3m tall shall be planted within the rear garden during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

The replacement tree can be a smaller ornamental tree due to the acknowledged space restrictions within the garden. The chosen species of replacement tree should be agreed in writing with the Borough Council prior to purchase and planting.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. Disturbance of wildlife: It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to disturb roosting bats or nesting birds. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work. Wildlife and habitat controls are administered by Natural England who can be contacted on 0300 030 6000

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

Trees and Hedges, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Tel: 0303 444 5570

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer

cc. Mr. Kalman Magyar, 57 St Michaels Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 4RR